**Ten Things I Hate About Me, By: Randa Abdel-Fattah**

**Summary By: Meghan Voight**

**In Ten Things I Hate About Me by Randa Abdel-Fattah, the main character Jamie hides her cultural background at school. The only place she can be her real self is with a guy named John (Rage\_Against\_The\_Machine@intermail.com) that she is emailing. She hasn’t had too much trouble hiding herself behind contacts and bleach blonde hair until her dad won’t let her go to her own 10th grade formal. Which is nothing new until her band is suppose to play at her formal, also. So, if she plays her drum, she risks getting teased, but if she doesn’t she is letting down her band. In the end she realizes what she has to do and gets a big surprise when she finds out who John really is. If you want to know what she does and who John is, read the book!**

**Recommendation**

**I would recommend this book to almost anyone. This three hundred page book, I thought, was really good. I could kind of relate to some of Jamie’s problems. I enjoyed the author’s style in this book and I liked the point of view that was used. I also started reading *Does My Head Look Big in This* but I think that it had a slower beginning then this one. *Ten Things I Hate About Me* is very well written and I think anyone that has to read a Australian book should read this book. There wasn’t a lot of action but there was a lot of drama. Like gossip, misunderstandings, and judgment. I think that this book is not very predictable. I didn’t think that the person that turned out to be John was going to be John. If you like reading about other cultures and teenage struggles this would be a good book for you to read. *Ten Things I Hate About Me* doesn’t have much action or mystery so if you are looking for that kind of book, this would not be the book for you. *Ten Things I Hate About Me* was a good read that didn’t leave any cliffhangers. Another reason I liked this book is that all the problems were solved and it has some good themes. So, if you want a book where you might be able to learn something from , this would be an amazing book to read. I still think that this would be a good book to read for anyone that has to or wants to read an Australian book.**